

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1754
PATENT
Application # 10/617,513
Attorney Docket # 1026-011**

REMARKS

The Examiner is also thanked for determining claims 1-39 and 42-58 allowable.

The Abstract and the specification have been amended to correct matters of form and one or more typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced.

Each of claims 14-19, 43, 44, and 46 were amended solely to correct a typographical error, and thus, not for reasons related to patentability.

Claims 1-39 and 42-58 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 42-44, 46, and 47 are the independent claims.

Examiner's Amendment

Applicant respectfully repeats the request made during the telephone conversation on 8 December 2004 that the Examiner's Amendment should read that "claims 40 and 41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer". Otherwise, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Amendment is not authorized, is traversed, and that prosecution should be re-opened.

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant respectfully submits that the statement of reasons for allowance provided in the Office Action attempts to paraphrase the claimed subject matter in a potentially confusing manner. Instead, Applicant respectfully suggests that an appropriate reason for allowance of the claimed subject matter is that "the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1-39 and 42-58." Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a revised "Reasons for Allowance" that utilizes this suggested language, or at least removes all potentially confusing language from the Reasons for Allowance.

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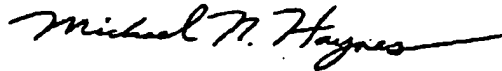
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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